

APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Full name Arthur W. Swarthout Date July 17, 1987  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Maplewood State New Jersey Zip Code 07040

Date of birth 5/33 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 55-60 54 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion United Methodist Nationality American

Occupation Minister

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_

Color of hair Balding/Brown Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single \_\_\_\_\_ Children [REDACTED]

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Scouting connections: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Date registered \_\_\_\_\_ Date resigned \_\_\_\_\_

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST  
ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE,  
OR SPECULATION):

**NOTED**

AUG 14 '87

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed

Chuck Buenger, General Manager

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Philmont Scout Ranch

BV/airline swarthout

[REDACTED]

Madison, W. J.

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Business address

from QK

8/10/88

August 18, 1987

Mr. Dennis K. Boehme  
Scout Executive  
Overland Trails Council, No. 322

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arthur W. Swarthout

Dear Dennis:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

PE/mdw

cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE  
AUG 18 1987  
ERIN O'RILEY

July 23, 1987

Mr. Dennis K. Boehme  
Scout Executive  
Overland Trails Council, No. 322

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arthur W. Swarthout

Dear Dennis:

Information has come to our attention that the above-named individual has conducted himself in such a manner that we do not wish to register him with the Boy Scouts of America. Let me explain the circumstances.

During the summer of 1983, Mr. Swarthout was on the camp staff at Philmont Scout Ranch. At that time, he admitted involvement with a youth member who was there and being counseled during the summer season. We felt that this situation, although only one occurrence is noted, was serious enough that he should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. This came to our attention this summer because of another situation which developed where the young man who had been molested was discussing the matter.

We would ask that Mr. Swarthout's registration be suspended and that he not be reregistered with your council. This will be kept confidential and no contact will be made with anyone else concerning the matter.

Let us know if you need more information.

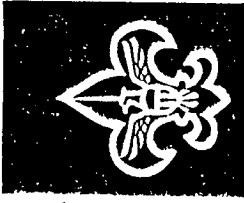
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: North Central Region

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JUL 23 1987  
ERIN O'RILEY



National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096  
Telephone: 214-580-2000

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July 23, 1987

SUBJECT: ARTHUR W. SWARTHOUT

From: Paul Ernst, S108

On June 22 I talked to Chuck Buenger, Director of Philmont Scout Ranch, about Arthur Swarthout. I asked for information concerning the reason this situation was now being brought to our attention four years after the fact.

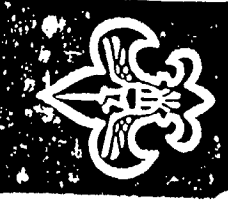
It was indicated to me that the young man who had been molested four years ago is now on the Philmont staff and had been talking about this situation. He was called into the office since the daughter of Mr. Swarthout is still on the staff and they did not want to injure her in any way by this becoming public knowledge. It was, therefore, strongly suggested that the young man cease all discussion concerning this matter.

Further investigation brought to light the situation and, at that time, the letter was written related to the actual happenings in 1983. The individual who wrote the letter was a witness to the discussions which took place during that summer camping season. Since that time, Mr. Swarthout has not been employed on the Philmont staff.

I then discovered that Mr. Swarthout was registered in Council No. 322 in Nebraska even though he lives in New Jersey. He has remained registered there each year on the district level simply to maintain a registration with the Boy Scouts of America, but has not been active. This was his hometown and he sometime expects to return to that area of Nebraska.

I am writing a letter to the Scout Executive of this council, asking that his registration be suspended because of the information which we have in our file.

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## PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH, BSA



Cimarron, New Mexico 87714 • 505-376-2281

June 21, 1987

Mr. Chuck Buenger  
General Manager  
Philmont Scout Ranch  
Cimarron, NM 87714

Mr. Buenger,

During the summer of 1983 while acting as the Coordinator of Camping Services at Philmont, I was asked to be witness to a conversation between Mr. Lloyd Knutson, Director of Program, Philmont Scout Ranch and another member of the seasonal staff. Mr. Knutson had been informed by a Philmont Chaplain that another chaplain had performed a homosexual act on another seasonal minor staff member.

I went with Mr. Knutson to talk to Arthur Swarthout. Mr. Swarthout was acting as a chaplain for the summer. Mr. Knutson told Mr. Swarthout that a chaplain had informed him that he had been told by [redacted] that he, Mr. Swarthout, had performed a homosexual act on [redacted].

When Mr. Knutson and I confronted Mr. Swarthout with that allegation, Mr. Swarthout willingly admitted that he had "handled" [redacted] penis while [redacted] was asleep. Mr. Swarthout gave the following account. [redacted] had needed counseling several times during the summer, most of the chaplains had spent a lot of time during several sessions with [redacted]. Mr. Swarthout was counseling [redacted] the evening before the incident. The counseling extended into the evening and Mr. Swarthout invited [redacted] to sleep in his duplex that night. Mr. Swarthout's two daughters were sleeping in the bed room of the duplex, so Mr. Swarthout and [redacted] slept on the "day beds" in the living room of the duplex. The following morning Mr. Swarthout awakened before [redacted] saw him laying there in his shorts with an erection. Mr. Swarthout leaned over [redacted] and put his hand on his penis and started "playing" with his penis. [redacted] woke up after several minutes and asked Mr. Swarthout what he was doing. Mr. Swarthout told [redacted] that he was only covering him up because it was cold and he only had on his underwear.

[redacted] informed the other Protestant Chaplain, Tim Mador. Tim Mador informed Mr. Knutson. Mr. Knutson asked me to be a witness to the conversation. Mr. Swarthout willingly admitted all of the above. I assumed that Mr. Knutson took the proper steps to make sure that Mr. Swarthout was placed on the Confidential list. I was aware that it was kept very quiet at Philmont that summer because Mr. Swarthout's [redacted] were both working on the summer staff and we did not want to embarrass the two girls.

I can not answer all of the questions on the questionnaire regarding child sexual abuse, but I do hope that this is enough to place Mr. Arthur Swarthout on the Confidential List.

Sincerely,  
James B. Foster

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July 3, 1987

Mr. Charles Buenger  
Director of Philmont Scout Ranch

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mr. Swartout

Dear Chuck:

I understand you had communication with May Pleer concerning the above-named individual. At that time, you indicated that he should be placed on the confidential file.

You should have received the copy of the "Maintaining Standards of Leadership" by this time. I am also enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed so that we may identify Mr. Swartout should he attempt registration in some other part of the country.

Please give us all the facts which you feel we will need to support our refusal of registration wherever it might be attempted. Please do not hesitate to call me if I may be of any help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Mr. Buenger - <sup>TABLE</sup> 6-17-57  
Dir. of Prisoners

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no first name -  
Is he on conf list?  
May 6/16.

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back - not in our  
conf list.

<sup>6/17/57</sup> ~~The~~ Mr. Buenger  
needs visit list of  
relationships. And  
will write to get the  
individual on conf list  
in 6/16

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 CONFIRMED BY JACKIE, REGISTRAR  
 IS REGISTERED IN CNCL - (HOME TOWN)  
 EXPECTS TO BE TRANSFERRED BACK  
 TO NEBRASKA.

Paul Amst  
 7-22-87

CALLER  
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